

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents,

Your City Council and staff are hard at work preparing the budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. I am proud to tell you that Killeen remains in excellent financial condition as we close one budget year and plan for the next.

The national economy and federal mandates, particularly those regarding the Army, continue to be causes for concern. You will find the proposed budget a very conservative one.

The proposed budget maintains existing city services and programs at the current tax rate. It

also continues progress on Trimmer and Stagecoach road projects, construction of Fire Station #9 on Bunny Trail and renovation of the Killeen Community Center along with other general parks projects.

The entire proposed budget is available on the city website at killeentexas.gov/finance.

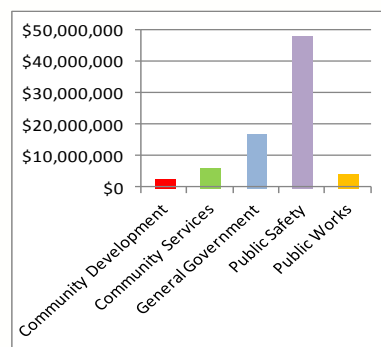
City Council is scheduled to adopt the budget at the September 8 meeting. I encourage you to contact your council representatives with your ideas and concerns so that your voice can be heard as we deliberate.

Scott Cosper, Mayor

PROPOSED BUDGET

Total Expenditures All Funds
\$208,629,848

General Fund Expenditures
\$78,405,975



Budget Highlights

- Maintains \$0.7498 tax rate
- General Fund balance 22.53%



Killeen remains in Stage 1 water conservation through September 30.
Please do your part to conserve by voluntarily limiting usage and repairing all leaks.



JUST IN TIME FOR THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

The City of Killeen is officially home to a dog park! The Mickey's Dog Park opened June 10 to the excited sounds of barks and cheers!

The two-acre park has joined the Community Center Complex on the northwest corner of WS Young Drive and Veterans Memorial Boulevard. It is open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The fully fenced park is divided for large and small dogs with playful amenities for all sizes. Jumps, hurdles, tunnels and more apparatuses will provide plenty of four-legged fun. There are also pavilions and benches for pup parents to relax.



The Dog Park was made possible through a generous donation by Mickey's Convenience Stores.

Reminder: Dogs are required by ordinance to be spayed or neutered and microchipped.

Remember these rules when visiting the dog park:

- ▶ Only two dogs per handler
- ▶ Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting the park
- ▶ Dogs must have current vaccinations and be free of contagious disease or parasites
- ▶ Dogs with a history of aggressive behavior are prohibited, and dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior must be removed immediately
- ▶ Owners must be in control of their dogs at all times
- ▶ Owners must pick up their dog's waste

Find a full list of rules at KilleenTexas.gov/DogPark.

CONNECT ONLINE

The City of Killeen knows that you need convenience when it comes to city services, so we strive to make information and services available to you online, 24 hours a day.

KilleenTexas.gov is a great tool to use when you need information or service such as finding department contacts or reporting a streetlight outage. You will find details about every city service and useful links to a variety of online resources.

The city's Facebook page is another terrific tool. The city posts events, programs, road closures and other city business that affects you every day. You can also post questions and get answers immediately.



The city's Facebook page is here to serve you, so join 6,000 others and like us today at [Facebook.com/KilleenTexas](https://www.facebook.com/KilleenTexas).

THE ROAD TO COMPLETION

The City of Killeen is well on its way to getting you back on your way. Several major highway and road projects are nearing completion, some as soon as next month.

The US 190 project, which stretches from the Fort Hood Main Gate to Harker Heights, is expected to be complete in September. Motorists are noticing barrier movement, new pavement and signage as final work is done to take the highway from four to six lanes.

The Rosewood/FM 2410 project is also expected to be complete in September. Rosewood will connect under US 190 from FM 2410 south past Stagecoach Road. The FM 2410 portion of the project will widen the road to five lanes from Stan Schlueter Loop to Harker Heights.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 6

National Night Out is an annual event aimed at making neighborhoods safer, and the City of Killeen hopes you will participate.

On October 6, turn on your porch lights, lock your doors and join your neighbors and 38 million people across the country in the fight against crime.

Plan an event for your block or neighborhood or just join in the fun. Cookouts are always a great way to bring people together.

The goal is to get to know your neighbors to help keep crime out of your neighborhood.

If you are planning an event or would like to attend one, contact Tammy Moseley at 501-8805 for more information.



TALKIN' TRASH

With more than 400 calls per day, Solid Waste phone lines can be difficult to get through. Instead of calling when you're in need of solid waste services, send an email request to **SW-Info@KilleenTexas.gov**. Whether you need a new can or have questions about charges, you'll find emailing to be faster and less stressful than calling.

A few friendly reminders about your solid waste services:

- Always bag your trash.
- The collection schedule never changes, even on holidays.
- Take advantage of once weekly brush and yard waste collection.
- You can dispose of up to 300 pounds of excess trash monthly at the Transfer Station.
- Killeen Recycle Center accepts used cooking and motor oil and a variety of plastic, paper, metal and glass.



View of Rosewood Drive from US 190 south.

The Elms Road extension, which will connect the two existing segments through SH 195, will be complete next month. Motorists will soon be able to travel from Stan Schlueter Loop to Clear Creek Road on this new east-west thoroughfare.

Stagecoach Road work continues to progress. The road is

being widened to five lanes from SH 195 to the Harker Heights city limit. A sidewalk is also being constructed along the entire road. Currently in Phase II, construction is expected to be complete by mid 2016.

Finally, the Trimmer Road widening project is now underway. Current construction is on an extension of Lowe's Boulevard west to Florence Road. Work is expected to begin on Trimmer between Jasper Drive and Elms Road this month and will last about two years. When complete, a continuous center turn lane will help alleviate congestion in this busy retail area.

All of these roadways are still construction zones. Pay close attention to signage, equipment and workers. Use caution and patience for everyone's safety.